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**GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER
SERVICE AWARD IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA**

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley today announced the recipients of the North Carolina Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service in Western North Carolina.

The N.C. Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service will recognize the 115 recipients from 29 counties on **Monday (Nov. 8) at 3 p.m. at the Glenwood Baptist Church (1550 Old Highway 221 South) in Marion.** The award honors individuals, groups and businesses that have made a significant contribution to the community through volunteer service.

“Many of our volunteers in the western counties have gone above and beyond in their service this year,” Easley said. “In addition to working in schools, churches and other organizations, these volunteers have assisted in disaster recovery efforts, clearing debris and rebuilding homes and businesses after the storms. They have helped so many people in their time of need and made a real difference.”

The statewide volunteer recognition program, established in 1979, is an important part of the history and tradition of volunteerism and community service in North Carolina. Since the program’s inception, more than 15,000 North Carolinians have received the award.

For more information on the Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service, visit www.volunteernc.org.

Following are the winners from Western North Carolina and contact information:

Alexander County: County Coordinator: David A. Icenhour: 828-632-1132
Alexander County Habitat for Humanity
Wesley E. Bolick
Anna F. Ferguson
Alfred Lex Johnson
J.C. and Betty Julian

Alleghany County: County Coordinator: Debbie White: 336-372-5457
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Sandy Carter Herndon

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